

Eleanora "Nora" Blum, 89

Aug. 15, 1904 - Nov. 28, 1993

Panama- Eleanora Susanna "Nora" Blum, daughter of Peter and Clara (Thielen) Pauley was born Aug. 15, 1904 near Portsmouth. She died Nov. 28, 1993 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 89 years, three months and 13 days. Later, the family moved to a farm near Panama, where she grew to adulthood. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic church in Portsmouth.

Sept. 28, 1926, she was married to Martin Christian "Chris" Blum at St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. Eleven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed south of Panama, and in 1940 they purchased the farm west of Panama. This had been their home until they moved to Panama. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Panama. In Sept. of 1976, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at St. Mary's Church in Panama, and were the first couple to have their marriage banns published by Msgr. M. B. Stilts at St. Mary's. They were also honored to have him give them the Special Golden Wedding Blessing. In Sept. 1993 they celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary.

In addition to her parents, She was preceded in death by a daughter Mary Ann and her brothers and sisters, John, Ted, Joe and Charles Pauley and Clara Hodapp, Loretta Sandbothe and Alma Katzer. She is survived by her husband, Chris Blum, Sr. of Panama; four sons, Vernon Blum of Harlan; Chris (Pat) Blum Jr. of Portsmouth, Charles Blum of Panama and Emil Blum of Omaha, NE; six daughters, Virginia (Louis) Wingert of Panama; Sr. Joyce Blum, F.S.P.A. of Tucson, AZ; Alice (Jerry) Zimmerman of Minden; Jean (LeRoy) Heese of Defiance; Judy (Fred) Clark of Omaha, NE; and Audrey (Dennis) Smith of Plattsmouth, NE; 33 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Sandbothe of Portsmouth; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Dec. 1, 1993 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama with Rev. Don Daleke celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. LaVern Wingert, Rev. Leonard Kenkel and Rev. Bob Schoemann. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery in Panama with her grandsons casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.